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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL <small>Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 28, 2000, provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. See The America Invents Protection Act of 1998 (AIPA).</small>	Application Number	10/651,115
	Customer No.	27276
	Filing Date	08/28/2003
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	Group Art Unit	2835
	Examiner Name	Zachary Pape
	Attorney Docket Number	TN285

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.
NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 28, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 28, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(a) (PTO/SB/28) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 60092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14885 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1293 Gaz. Pat. Office 27 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1) Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

a) ☒ Previously submitted

i) ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on August 10, 2007
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).

ii) ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on

iii) ☐ Other

b) ☐ Enclosed

i) ☐ Amendment/Reply

ii) ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iii) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

iv) ☐ Other:

2) Miscellaneous

a) ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)

b) ☐ Other

3) Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a) ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 19-3790.

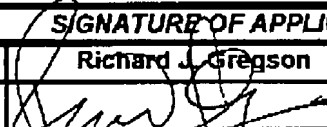
i) ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) (\$790.00)

ii) ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17) 09/21/2007 VBUI11 00000002 193790 10651115

iii) ☐ Other

b) ☐ Check in the amount of \$ _____ enclosed 01 FC:1001 790.00 BA

c) ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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